GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Adoption of Villages
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked Universities such as Indian Institute of Technology to adopt villages; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response received so far along with the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (b) : Yes, Madam. Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) on 11th November, 2014 to enable Higher Educational Institutions to work with the people of rural India in identifying development challenges and evolving appropriate solutions for accelerating sustainable growth. The Government has asked all the Higher Educational Institutions which are funded by the Central/State Government and all Institutions which are under approval by the regulatory bodies to adopt cluster of backward Gram Panchayats/ villages in their vicinity and apply their knowledge and expertise to improving the infrastructure in the Gram Panchayats under their supervision. The details regarding the UBA can be accessed at http://unnat.iitd.ac.in. So far, 128 villages have been identified for intervention by Institutions of Higher Education.
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